

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroaki SANO et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of
PCT/JP2003/011860

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Docket No.: 123618

For: TUBE CONNECTING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks.